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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB VS

SUBJECT: TRAVEL ACTIVITIES OF CVT PRESIDENT TRAN QUOC BUU

CWVF: SAIGON 4083 (NOTAL)

1. NGUYEN BUOI, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND CHARGE OF CVT

INFORMED LABATT THAT NGUYEN DUC DAT HAD REPORTED BY LETTER

THE RESULTS OF THEIR VISIT TO SINGAPORE. DAT WROTE ON APRIL 16

THAT BUU HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY EVERYONE OF IMPORTANCE, WITH

THE EXCEPTION OF PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW. LEE'S FOREIGN

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MINISTER OFFICIATED IN PLACE OF LEE. BUU WAS TOLD THAT AT LEAST

ONE MONTH'S ADVANCE NOTICE WAS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A PLACE ON  
LEE'S AGENDA.

2. THE MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE VISIT WAS BUU'S FORMALIZING  
AFFILIATION OF THE VIETNAMESE FARMER WORKER PARTY(ONG NONG)

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WITH THE ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIALISTS(APS), (THIS IS THE SOCIALIST  
BRANCH WHOSE PRESIDENT IS NORMAN KIRK, PRIME MINISTER OF NEW  
ZEALAND). AFTER SERIOUSDISCUSSION THE APS GENERAL SECRETARY  
LENNY RODRIGO TDEIKBUU THAT HE WOULD CONVENE A MEETING OF THE  
APS EXECUTIVE BOARD THE EVENING OF APRIL 16 TO APPROVE THE APPLI  
CATION OF CONG NONG. RODRIGO WAS TO HAVE GIVEN BUU A LETTER OF  
INTRODUCTION TO THE MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT BUU WILL VISIT. THIS  
AFFILIATION WILL COST CONG NONG US\$400 PER YEAR IN AFFILIATION  
FEES. RODRIGO ALSO TOLD BUU THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND THE  
NLF HAD APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN APS.

3. DEVON NAIR SECRETARY OF THE SINGAPORE TUC INFORMED BUU  
THAT THE ICFTU WAS TRYING TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH NORTH VIET-  
NAM AND THAT THE ARO (ASIAN REGIONAL OFFICE) OF THE ICFTU  
NEEDED ALL THE ANTI COMMUNIST SUPPORT IN  
ASIA IT COULD GET. BUU REPORTEDLY SAID, "WE CANNOT PLAY  
HIDE AND SEEK WITH THEM FOREVER." SEEING THINGS ON THE SPOT  
PERSUADED BUU TO PROMISE NAIR THAT AT THE 25TH ANNUNERSARY  
CONVENTION OF CVT IN OCTOBER 1974, THE CVT DELEGATES WILL  
BE ASKED TO APPROVE AFFILIATION WITH THE ARO OF ICFTU.

4. WE REQUEST THAT OUR EMBASSY IN NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIA  
OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APS LETTER THAT BUU REPORTEDLY HAS AND  
CABLE TEXT TO US SOONEST.

5.NGUYEN BUOI REQUESTED THAT WE PASS THE WORD TO BUU THAT  
EVERYTHING AT HOME IS IN GOOD SHAPE.

6. COMMENT: OVER THE PAST YEAR BUU HAS RECEIVED INVITIATIONS  
TO AFFILIATE WITH APS FROM VISITING JAPANESE SOCIALISTS ASSOCIATED  
WITH DENKI ROREN AND FROM RODRIGO WHEN THEY HAVE MET AT INTER  
NATIONAL CONFERENCES. BUU THEREFORE HAS DEMURRED ON GROUNDS  
THAT CONG NONG WAS NO LONGER LEGAL AND WAS AFFILIATED  
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WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE. RODRIGO AND THE JAPANESE  
TOLD BUU THAT THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE LEGAL OR POLITICAL  
STRUCTURE OF ANY COUNTRY. THEY WANT PARTICIPATION AND AFFILIATION  
FROM SOCIALIST ORGANIZATIONS IN ASIA. BUU DISCUSSED POSSIBLE  
AFFILIATION WITH APS WITH US POINTING OUT HOW SOME OF THE GVN  
OFFICIALS AND SOME OF HIS POLITICAL PARTY COMRADES MAY NOT  
APPROVE OF DIRECT IDENTIFICATION OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY IN SOUTH  
VIET-NAM WITH AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION PARTICULARLY THE

SOCIALISTS. WE THINK THAT DESPITE THESE OBJECTIONS BUU'S  
DECISION TO AFFILIATE WITH APS IS AN ASTUTE MOVE WHICH WILL  
BE VERY HELPFUL IN THE GVN'S EFFORTS TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST  
THE NVN/"PRG" DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE.

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